

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface, which comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, a cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer and a hard coat layer, wherein the layers are laminated in order, wherein the adhesive layer is in contact with the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer, wherein the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer is formed by curing a curable composition containing difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate having a weight average molecular weight of 5,000 to 20,000, and optionally one or more polymerizable compounds, wherein the content of the difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate is 80 or more percent by mass to the total amount of the difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate and the one or more polymerizable compounds, and wherein the one or more polymerizable compounds are selected from a group consisting of styrene, vinyl pyrrolidone, (meth) acrylic acid ester and urethane (meth) acrylate having three or more functional groups,

wherein the hard coat layer comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a thermosetting hard coat agent of silicone hard coat agent and an ultraviolet curable hard coat agent, wherein said ultraviolet curable hard coat agent is a polyfunctional ultraviolet curable acrylic compound having three or more functional groups and is selected from the group consisting of acrylates, urethane acrylates and polyester acrylates,

wherein the pencil hardness of the surface of the hard coat layer measured according to JIS K5600 is not less than H.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thickness of the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer is 2 to 30 micrometers, and the thickness of the hard coat layer is 2 to 20 micrometers.

4. (previously presented): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1, wherein the hard coat layer is a hard coat layer comprising a filler.

5. (withdrawn-currently amended): A method for producing a pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface, which comprises applying urethane (meth) acrylate on a surface of a releasing agent layer in a plastic film having the releasing agent layer, followed by curing, to form a cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer, applying a hard coat agent on the surface of the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer, followed by curing, to form a hard coat layer, laminating a process film on a surface of the hard coat layer, and then peeling the above plastic film having a releasing agent layer, and subsequently forming a pressure sensitive adhesive layer on the exposed surface of the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer to produce a the pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1.

6. (previously presented): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1, wherein a protecting film is laminated on the surface of the hard coat layer.

7. (previously presented): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer is formed by curing difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate having a weight average molecular weight of 5,000-15,000.

8. (previously presented): The pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface as claimed in claim 1, wherein the content of the difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate is 95 or more percent by mass to the total amount of the difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate and optionally other polymerizable compounds selected from the group consisting of vinyl pyrrolidone, (meth)acrylic acid ester and urethane (meth)acrylate having three or more functional groups.

9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended): A pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface, which comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, a cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer and a hard coat layer, wherein the layers are laminated in order, wherein the adhesive layer is in contact with the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer, and wherein the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer is formed by curing a curable composition consisting of a difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate having a weight average molecular weight of 5,000 to 20,000,

wherein the pencil hardness of the surface of the hard coat layer measured according to JIS K5600 is not less than H.

11. (currently amended): A pressure sensitive adhesive sheet for protecting a surface, which comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive layer, a cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer and a hard coat layer, wherein the layers are laminated in order, wherein the adhesive layer is in contact with the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer, wherein the cured urethane (meth) acrylate layer is formed by curing a curable composition containing difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate having a weight average molecular weight of 5,000 to 20,000, and optionally one or more polymerizable compounds, wherein the content of the difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate is 80 or more percent by mass to the total amount of the difunctional urethane (meth) acrylate and the one or more polymerizable compounds, and wherein the one or more polymerizable compounds are selected from a group consisting of styrene, vinyl pyrrolidone, (meth) acrylic acid ester and urethane (meth) acrylate having three or more functional groups,

wherein the hard coat layer comprises at least one ultraviolet curable hard coat agent, wherein said ultraviolet curable hard coat agent is a polyfunctional ultraviolet curable acrylic compound having three or more functional groups and is selected from the group consisting of trimethylol ethane trimethacrylate, trimethylol propane trimethacrylate, pentaerythritol trimethacrylate, pentaerythritol tetramethacrylate, dipentaerythritol pentamethacrylate, dipentaerythritol hexamethacrylate, glycerol trimethacrylate and triallylmethacrylate,

wherein the pencil hardness of the surface of the hard coat layer measured according to JIS K5600 is not less than H.